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Sir:

The following comments are submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.193(b)(1) in reply to the Examiner's Answer.

On page 4 of the Examiner's Answer the examiner states: "Kanemitsu et al ....advises that the initial profile may be a disc-like plate, as shown in Figure 3, or flanged cupshaped member, as shown in Figure 4." From this reading of Kanemitsu et al the examiner concludes, apparently, that the stepped portion is inserted between the top and bottom pattern tools, as recited in claim 5. Such a conclusion is not warranted by a fair reading of Kanemitsu et al.

Kanemitsu et al does, as the examiner indicates, state in column 2, lines 65 and 66 that "the steel plate 1 may be a flanged cup-shaped member as shown in Fig. 4." Kanemitsu et al, however, never suggests that the entire cup-shaped member is placed between top and bottom pattern tools. Kanemitsu et al focuses on the outer flange of the cup-shaped member, and it is more reasonable to conclude that <u>only</u> the outer flange of the cup-shaped member is placed between top and bottom pattern tools.

The examiner is reading Kanemitsu et al in light of the present disclosure as claimed. Those skilled in the art would not have the present disclosure before them and could not, therefore, reach such a conclusion.

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